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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE,

Celebrating 371st Anniversary of Shakespeare's Birth



Meeting, staged by the National Shakespeare Federation and the Roerich Shakespeare Association of New York, at the playwright's statue on the Mall in Central Park yesterday afternoon. In the background the taller Fifth Avenue buildings are, left to right, Hotels Pierre, Sherry-Netherland and Savoy-Plaza, the Squibb Building and, at right, the Hotel Plaza Herald Tribune photo—Acme

Shakespeare Is Honored Here on Anniversary

3 Wreaths Adorn Statue After Day's Celebrations

Three wreaths and a box of spring flowers adorned the statue of William Shakespeare at the Mall in Central Park last night after representatives of seven different organizations and several hundred Shakespeare enthusiasts, including Ethel Barrymore and Katharine Cornell, had celebrated the 371st anniversary of his birth.

In the morning the Shakespeare Association of America, the Shakespeare Club of New York and the Shakespeare Fellowship joined in a ceremony at which Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach presided. The program, which was broadcast over the WJZ network and relayed by short-wave radio to Stratford on Avon, included readings by Miss Barrymore and Otis Skinner and an address by James M. Beck, former Solicitor General of the United States. The Very Rev. Dr. Milo H. Gates, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, offered the invocation.

The National Shakespeare Federation and the Roerich Shakespeare Association of New York joined in the afternoon with the Feagin School of Dramatic Art in a second ceremony at which Miss Cornell placed a wreath on the statue. Daniel Frohman, president of the Actors' Fund of America; Peter Stevens, British vice-consul in New York, and Professor Frederick S. Boas, president of the Elizabethan Society of London and visiting professor at Columbia, made short addresses. Professor Boas spoke later at a reception given by the English-Speaking Union at 19 West Forty-fourth Street in celebration of the anniversary.

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